

**REMARKS**Claim Changes

Claims 1 and 14 are amended to recite “[the] request include[s] a first list of requested program information and a second list of requested program information, wherein the first list of program information includes at least one Program Identification (PID) Code and the second list of program information includes one of Table ID, Table ID Extension, Version Number or Section Number.” These changes are based at least on FIG. 5 and the accompanying description on page 9, lines 11-18 of the specification as filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

Claim 1 is further amended to overcome a 101 rejection.

No amendment made is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment is made for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant had argued herein that such amendment is made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. Any remarks made herein with respect to a given claim or amendment is intended only in the context of that specific claim or amendment, and should not be applied to other claims, amendments, or aspects of Applicant's invention.

Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 27 and 28 once amended to be rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant defers amending the claims to give the Examiner the opportunity to consider Applicant's remarks enclosed herein.

Rejection of claims 1-11, 13, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-11, 13, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claim 1 has been amended to recite “a method for collecting multimedia program information from a plurality of transport streams received at a transcoder/multiplexer, the method comprising.” Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended recites statutory subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 and 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US 6,157,673 (Cuccia) in view of US 6,181,706 (Anderson) and in further view of US 7,088,732 (Min)

Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 14 to clarify the invention. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cuccia in view of Anderson and in further view of Min as herein amended.

Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Cuccia, Anderson, and Min does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations as set forth in independent claims 1 and 14. For example, independent claims 1 and 14 as amended recite “[the] request include[s] a first list of requested program information and a second list of requested program information, wherein the first list of program information includes at least one Program Identification (PID) Code and the second list of program information includes one of Table ID, Table ID Extension, Version Number or

Section Number” which is not taught or suggested in the combination of Cuccia, Anderson, and Min.

Min is directed to a technology for storing and comparing PIDs in a digital television system. The technology is implemented by storing portions of PIDs separately in PID storing units in groups of two or more bits. A PID of a current received packet is stored in storing units. A comparison of portions of the stored PID with the current received PID is performed. If all portions of the stored PID match with the received current PID, a match signal is generated. See Min, Abstract.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 14 to clarify the invention. Applicant’s claims 1 and 14 as amended recite “receiving a request for [specific] program information... [the] request include[s] a first list of requested program information and a second list of requested program information, wherein the first list of program information includes at least one Program Identification (PID) Code and the second list of program information includes one of Table ID, Table ID Extension, Version Number or Section Number.” In contrast, according to Min on col. 4, lines 15-27, a PID having 13 bits in total is divided into two parts and processed separately. The first part of each PID is made up of 8 bits and a second part of each possible PID is made up of 5 bits. Thus, in Min, the parsed list in the transport stream is a single data unit namely, PIDs. Therefore, Min fails to disclose Applicant’s “receiving a request for [specific] program information... [the] request include[s] a first list of requested program information and a second list of requested program information, wherein the first list of program information includes at least one Program Identification (PID) Code and the second list of program information includes one of Table ID, Table ID

Extension, Version Number or Section Number.” Such a feature is missing in Min. Both Cuccia and Anderson also fail to disclose Applicant’s such feature. The Office Action does not appear to rely on Cuccia and Anderson for such.

For the above reasons, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 14 are not obvious in view of the combination of Cuccia, Anderson, and Min, and therefore that the rejection of claims 1 and 14 under 35 USC 103(a) should be withdrawn. Applicant requests that claims 1 and 14 now be passed to allowance.

Dependent claims 2-8 depend from and include all the limitations of independent claim 1. Dependent claims 15-21 depend from, and include all the limitations of independent claim 14. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of dependent claims 2-8 and 15-21 and requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicant. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney or agent at the telephone number indicated below.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby request such extension and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

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